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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. SEWELL).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
August 24, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable TERRI A. SEWELL to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Holy God, we appeal to You this afternoon, that by Your blessing, this day would prove fruitful.

Nothing this day is as we planned it. Not only have our schedules been upended; but the world itself has turned upside down. We scramble to get things done and make things right, but with so much at stake, and the issues so complex, our efforts seem desperate and futile.

We pray, therefore, that You who know our wanderings through this great wilderness would bless Your people with Your guidance on this day. Provide rescue, shelter, and peace to those whose very lives are endangered by anarchy and violence.

Provide wisdom, opportunity, and courage to those whose actions and decisions have influence on the outcome of the chaos within our own country and the unrest across the globe.

We pray Your benediction over our labor, equanimity in our thoughts, and purpose for our actions, that the extra measures we take, and the weighty decisions we make today would not be in vain.

We pray in the abiding love of Your holy name.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. GARCIA) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. GARCIA of Texas led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

REMEMBERING MIKE HONG

(Mr. TAKANO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TAKANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of a generous and fearless leader, Chairman Mike Hong.

Chairman Hong was a beloved member of the AAPI community, who had a sincere devotion to serving a variety of communities and causes. He mentored countless young people and believed in the importance of Asian Americans being politically engaged.

He exemplified the immigrant who, by dint of talent, persistence, and

faith, blazed a trail to success and then ensured many others would share in his blessings, and they did.

I am especially proud that he helped finance a memorial of Dosan Ahn Chang Ho, a revered Korean independence freedom fighter, in the downtown mall of my hometown of Riverside, California.

Chairman Hong dedicated his life to the service of others, and that will never be forgotten. To the Hong family and all those who knew, loved, and respected him, I offer my deepest condolences.

HONORING STEVE WALSH

(Mrs. HARTZLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of my dear friend and the longest serving member of my staff, Steve Walsh.

Steve spent many years as a journalist covering politics in Washington, D.C. and Jefferson City, Missouri. He was one of my earliest supporters and spent the past decade serving the people of Missouri's Fourth Congressional District until his passing last week.

Steve leaves behind his beloved wife, State Representative Sara Walsh, and numerous friends throughout Missouri and our Nation.

He was always fun and full of sense of humor, love of major league baseball, the Beatles, and his faith.

Steve not only loved history, he lived history. He once took a selfie in France with Speaker PELOSI on the 75th anniversary of D-day. In 1985, while dining in Midtown Manhattan, Steve was asked by his editor to cover the assassination of Gambino crime boss Paul Castellano, where he incredibly encountered him deceased on the sidewalk. His life was truly filled with remarkable experiences.

Missouri has not only lost a true public servant, but a wonderful friend to so

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